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- (o) Original classification authority means an individual authorized in writing, either by the President, or by agency heads or other officials designated by the President, to classify information in the first instance.
- (p) Self-inspection means the internal review and evaluation of individual Commission activities and the Commission as a whole with respect to the implementation of the program established under Executive Order 12958 and its implementing directives.
- (q) Senior agency official ("security officer") means the official designated by the Chairman under section 5.6 of Executive Order 12958 to direct and administer the Commission's program under which classified information is safeguarded.
- (r) Source document means an existing document that contains classified information that is incorporated, paraphrased, restated, or generated in new form into a new document.
- (s) Unauthorized disclosure means a communication or physical transfer of classified information to an unauthorized recipient.

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§ 503.52 Senior agency official.

The Chairman of the Commission shall designate a senior agency official to be the Security Officer for the Commission, who shall be responsible for directing, administering and reporting on the Commission's information security program, which includes oversight (self-inspection) and security information programs to ensure effective implementation of Executive Orders 12958 and 12968, and 32 CFR part 2001.

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§ 503.53 Oversight Committee.

- An Oversight Committee is established, under the chairmanship of the Security Officer with the following responsibilities:
- (a) Establish a Commission security education program to familiarize all personnel who have or may have access to classified information with the provisions of Executive Order 12958 and directives of the Information Security Oversight Office. The program shall in-

- clude initial, refresher, and termination briefings;
- (b) Establish controls to ensure that classified information is used, processed, stored, reproduced, and transmitted only under conditions that will provide adequate protection and prevent access by unauthorized persons;
- (c) Act on all suggestions and complaints concerning the Commission's information security program;
- (d) Recommend appropriate administrative action to correct abuse or violations of any provision of Executive Order 12958; and
- (e) Consider and decide other questions concerning classification and declassification that may be brought before it.

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§ 503.54 Original classification.

- (a) No Commission Member or employee has the authority to originally classify information.
- (b) If a Commission Member or employee develops information that appears to require classification, or receives any foreign government information as defined in section 1.1(d) of Executive Order 12958, the Member or employee shall immediately notify the Security Officer and appropriately protect the information.
- (c) If the Security Officer believes the information warrants classification, it shall be sent to the appropriate agency with original classification authority over the subject matter, or to the Information Security Oversight Office, for review and a classification determination.
- (d) If there is reasonable doubt about the need to classify information, it shall be safeguarded as if it were classified pending a determination by an original classification authority. If there is reasonable doubt about the appropriate level of classification, it shall be safeguarded at the higher level of classification pending a determination by an original classification authority.

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